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MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Roaring River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Cross Roads

Wilkes County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

October 10, 11 and 12, 1930

OFFICERS

ELDER J. M. CROUSE,.....Moderator
Halls Mills, North Carolina

ELDER M. P. SPENCER, ...Clerk
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, October 10, 1930

The association met according to arrangements. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Crouse. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. M. P. Spencer, text, John 1 : 1—"In the beginning was the Word," etc. After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house. Prayer by Eld. J. S. Morrison, from Fishers River association.

1. Read letters from all the churches.

2. On motion letters were received and messengers seated.

3. Organized by appointing Eld. J. M. Crouse, Moderator, and Eld. M. P. Spencer, Clerk.

4. On motion, called for correspondents from sister associations, and received as follows: Eld. George Berrier from Zion association.

5. On motion, called for visitors and received as follows: From Zion, Eld. J. D. Easter and Sisters Fileeney Spencer and Leota Branscome. From Fishers River, Elds. J. M. Royal, J. S. Morrison and W. R. Welborn and Bro. and Sister Sam King. From Cranberry church, Brethren M. B. Taylor and D. P. Taylor. From Union association, Eld. R. C. Martin. From Mountain, Eld. J. M. Williams.

6. On motion, we extend the right hand of welcome to correspondents and visitors.

7. On motion, called for petitionary letters. There were none.

8. Called on correspondents appointed last year to report.

9. On motion, report received and messengers discharged, excusing those who failed.

10. On motion, we authorize the moderator to make all temporary appointments, who appointed: Brethren L. A. Dancy and J. W. Lyon with the messengers of this church to select preachers for this session. Brethren J. A. Miller, John Choate and M. A. Lyon a committee on finance. Eld. E. A. Long and Brethren Wiley Hudson, J. A. Miller, M. A. Lyon, J. W. Lyon and John Choate with the moderator and clerk a committee on arrangements.

11. On motion, committee on arrangements set at the home of Bro. A. S. Absher. Correspondents and visitors invited to set with them.

12. Called on committee on preaching to report, who reported: For Saturday, 1. Eld. J. M. Williams. 2. Eld.

Geo. Berrier. 3. Eld. J. D. Easter. 4. Eld. R. C. Martin.

13. On motion, we adjourn until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Saturday, October 11, 1930

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Eld. J. M. Williams. On motion, we choose Eld. J. M. Royal temporary moderator in the absence of Eld. Crouse.

1. Called on committee on arrangements to report.

2. On motion, report received and committee discharged.

3. Called the roll of messengers and marked absentees.

4. Called on committee on preaching to report, who reported: For Sunday—1. Eld. J. D. Easter. 2. Eld. W. R. Welborn. 3. Eld. J. S. Morrison. 4. Eld. J. M. Royal. 5. Eld. J. M. Crouse to close.

5. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows: To Zion, Elds. M. P. Spencer and J. M. Crouse, and Brethren John Choate and J. W. Lyon. To Bear Creek, Elds. E. A .Long and M. P. Spencer and Bro. Robins Miller.

6. On motion, we suspend correspondence with Senter and Silver Creek associations because of their affiliations with the J. R. Wilson disorder.

7. Called on committee appointed to Cranberry church to report. The committee reported that they made such investigation as they were able and found the church an orthodox body. On motion, report received and committee discharged.

8. Called on committee on finance to report, who reported as follows: Received from the churches $21.80 to pay for printing and postage.

9. On motion, the clerk was appointed treasurer, and to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes as usual.

10. On motion, our next association be held with the church at Rox Springs, sixteen miles north of North Wilkesboro, N, C., and near McGrady P. O., on Highway No. 18.

11. On motion, Eld. J. M. Crouse was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. M. P. Spencer be his alternate.

12. Called on committee appointed to Reddies River to report. Report received and committeed discharged.

13. On motion, we drop Reddies River church from our list for departing from the faith and going off in disorder.

14. On motion, we appoint a committee as follows: Elds. J. M. Crouse, E. A. Long and M. P. Spencer and Brethren L. A. Dancy, D. F. Coffey, J. A. Miller and Robins Miller to visit the church at Mulberry and look after those destitute members. This committee to meet Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1930.

15. Resolved, That we endorse the London Confession of Faith, and that we have the 3rd and 5th chapters printed in our minutes.

16. On motion, these minutes read and approved.

17. On motion, we return thanks to God, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during this meeting.

18. On motion, we adjourn to time and place of our next meeting.

Prayer by Eld. J. S. Morrison.

ELDER J. M. CROUSE, Moderator.
ELDER M. P. SPENCER, Clerk.

THE PREACHING

FRIDAY

Elds. J. D. Easter and J. S. Morrison preached at the stand Friday.

1. J. D. Easter..... Clerk failed to get text.
2. J. S, Morrison.....Text, Rom. 9 : 33

SATURDAY

Saturday the brethren occupied the stand in the order named.

1. Eld. J. M. Williams .....Text, John 12 : 23
2. Eld. George Berrier ..... Text, Rom. 7 : 24
3. Eld. J. D. Easter ..... Clerk failed to get text
4. Eld. R. C. Martin..... Text, Gen. 1 : 1

SUNDAY

1. Eld. J. D. Easter .....Text, John 10 : 3
2. Eld. W. R. Welborn.....Text, I Cor. 15 : 53, 54
3. Eld. J. S. Morrison .....Text, Rom. 8 : 36
4. Eld. J. M. Royal.....Text, Eccl. 3 : 1
5. Eld, J. M, Crouse .....Text, John 14 : 6

Thus closed the most harmonious session of this association that it has ever been my privilege to attend,

CLERK.

Ministers and Their Post Offices

Elder J. M. Crouse.....Halls Mills, North Carolina
Elder M. P. Spencer..North Wilkesboro, North Carolina
Elder E. A. Long .....Laurel Springs, North Carolina

Licentiates

Wiley Hudson .....Sparta, North Carolina

Names and Addresses of Church Clerks

Rox Springs .....J. M. Taylor... ..... McGrady, North Carolina
Roaring River .....M. A. Lyon .....Traphill, North Carolina
Meadow Fork .....J. A. Miller.....Laurel Springs, North Carolina
Double Creek.....Margie Truitt.....Abshers, North Carolina
Penders Grove .....L. A. Dancy.....Hays, North Carolina
Woodruff.....John Choate.....Cherry Lane, North Carolina
Fair Plains .....Mary Spencer... N. Wilkesboro, North Carolina
Cross Roads.....A. S. Absher.....N. Wilkesboro, North Carolina

Churches and Their Pastors

Rox Springs ..... Eld. J. M. Crouse
Roaring River ..... Eld. M. P. Spencer
Meadow Fork ..... Elds. E. A. Long and J. M. Royal
Double Creek..... Elds. Crouse and Spencer
Penders Grove..... Elder M. P. Spencer
Woodruff.....Eld. J. M. Crouse
Fair Plains ..... Eld. M. P. Spencer
Cross Roads..... Elds. Long and Spencer

LONDON CONFESSION OF FAITH

Chapter 3—God's Decree

1. God hath (Is. 46:10, Eph. 1:11, Heb. 6:17, Rom. 9:15.18) decreed in Himself from all eternity by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17, 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27-28, John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23.19, Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree.

2. Although God knoweth whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all (Acts 15:18) supposed conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything (Rom. 9:11, 13, 16, 18) because He foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions.

3. By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory (1 Tim. 5:21, Matt. 25:41) some men and angels are predestinated or foreordained to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, to the (Eph. 1:5, 6) praise of His glorious grace; others being left to act in their sin to their (Rom. 9:22-23; Jude 4) just condemnation to the praise of His glorious justice.

4. These angels and men thus predestinated and foreordained are particularly and unchangeably designed; and their (2 Tim. 2:19; John 13:18) number so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished.

5. Those of mankind (Eph. 1:4, 9, 11; Rom. 8:30; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:9) that are predestinated to life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal, immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love (Rom. 9:13-16; Eph. 2;9,12) without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him thereto.

6. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so He hath by the eternal and most free purpose of His will foreordained (1 Pet. 1: 2; 2 Thess. 2:13) all the means thereunto; wherefore they who are elected being fallen in Adam (1 Thess.5:9-10) are redeemed by Christ, are effectually (Rom. 8;30; 2 Thess. 2:13) called unto faith in Christ, by His Spirit, working in due season, are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by his power through faith (2 Pet. 1:3) unto salvation: neither are any other redeemed by Christ, or effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified and saved, but the elect (John 10:26; 17:9; 6:44) only.

7. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (1 Thess. 1:4-5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5,6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 10:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

Chapter 5—Of Divine Providence

1. God the Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom, doth (Heb. 1:3; Job 38:11; Is. 46:10-11; Ps. 13:5-6) uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures and things, from the great-

est even to the (Matt. 10:26, 30, 31) least, by His most wise and holy providence, to the end for which they were created, according unto His infallible foreknowledge and the freeand immutable counsel of His (Eph. 1:11) own will; to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness and mercy.

2. Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass (Acts 2:23) immutably and infallibly, so that there is not anything befalls any (Pro. 16;33) by chance or without His Providence; yet by the same providence He ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either (Gen. 7:22) necessarily, freely or contingently.

3. God in His ordinary providence (Acts 27:31,44; Is. 65:10-11) maketh use of means; yet is free (Hos. 1:7) to work without (Rom. 4:19-21) above and (Dan. 3:27) against them at His pleasure.

4. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that His determinate counsel (Rom. 11:32-34; Sam. 24:1; 1 Chron. 21:1) extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sinful actions both of angels and men (and that not by a bare permission); which also He most wisely and powerfully (2 Kings 19:28; Ps. 76:10) boundeth and otherwise ordereth and governeth, in a manifold dispensation to His most holy (Gen. 1:20; Is. 10:6, 7, 12) ends, yet so as the sinfulness of their acts proceedeth only from the creatures, and not from God, who being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or (Ps. 1:21; 1 John 2:16) approver of sin.

5. The most wise, righteous and gracious God, doth oftentimes leave for a season His own children to manifold temptations and corruptions of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength or corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts (2 Chron. 32:25, 26, 31; 2 Sam. 24:1; 2 Cor. 12:7-9) that they may be humbled, and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon Himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for other just and holy ends, so that whatsoever befalls any of His elect is by His appointment, for his glory (Rom.8:28) and their good.

6. As for those wicked and ungodly men whom God, as a righteous Judge for former sin doth (Rom. 1:24, 25, 28; 11:7, 8) blind and harden; from them He not only withholdeth His (Deut. 29:4) grace, whereby they might have been enlightened in their understanding and wrought upon in their hearts, but sometimes also withdraweth (Matt. 13:12) the gifts which they had, and exposeth them to such (Deut. 2:30; 2 Kings 8:12, 13) objects as their corruptions make occasion of sin; and withal (Ps. 71:11, 12; 2 Thess. 2:10-11) gives them over to their own lusts and temptations of the world and the power of Satan, whereby it comes to pass that they (Ex. 8;15, 32; Is. 6:9, 10; 1 Pet. 2:7, 8) harden themselves even under those means which God useth for the softening of others.

7. As the providence of God doth in general reach to all creatures, so after a more special manner it taketh care of His (1 Tim. 4:10; Amos 9:8, 9; Is. 43:3-5) church and disposeth all things to the good thereof.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Rox Springs	J. M. Taylor	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	$ 1,85
Roaring River	J. W. Lyon, M. A. Lyon	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	14	3.25
Meadow Fork	E. A. Long, J. A. Miller, Robbins Miller	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	3.70
Double Creek	Margie Truitt, Arra Shumate	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2 00
Penders Grove	L. A. Dancy, D. F. Coffey, Sister Dorsey Johnson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.50
Woodruff	J. M. Crouse, John Choate	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	17	3.50
Fair Plains	M. P. Spencer, Roby Johnson, Mary Spencer	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	13	3.20
Cross Roads	A. S. Absher, Ben Brown	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	1.80
	Totals		3	1		4	1			3	133	$21.80

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